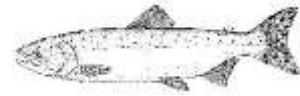

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HAWK INLET SEINE TEST FISHERY

Juneau.... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is soliciting bids to charter a purse seine fishing vessel to conduct test fishing in the Hawk Inlet area on or about June 29, July 6, July 13, and July 20, 2012. If mid-week commercial seine openings occur, fishing dates can be adjusted by mutual agreement between the contractor and the State.

The test fishery will be used to evaluate the run strength and timing of northern inside migrating pink salmon returning to Districts 11 and 15. The charter vessel will be required to fish one day each week for four weeks. Each fishing day will include a minimum of four twenty-minute sets. Sets will be made at four predetermined locations each week, between Point Marsden and Point Retreat. All fish caught will become the property of the State of Alaska. Interested bidders must have prior experience seining in this area and the charter vessel must be equipped with refrigerated seawater or slush ice tanks to maintain the fish in good quality before delivery. Up to three department employees will be aboard the charter vessel while fishing to monitor and sample the vessel's catch.

Charter bids should be based on a percentage of the total value of the catch and the contract will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest percentage of the total value. The successful bidder will be guaranteed a weekly minimum of \$1,500.00 and a weekly maximum of \$5,000.00. For example: a bid of 60% given a harvest value of \$7,000.00 will result in \$4,200.00 paid to the contractor and \$2,800.00 paid to the department.

Bids must be received at the Fish and Game office in Douglas prior to **3:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2012.**

To obtain further information regarding this charter and to obtain bid forms please contact Kevin Monagle or Dave Harris in Douglas at (907) 465-4250.

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